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If the effluent's okay then why waste it asks Crofts

If the effluent being discharged from the Werribee Sewage Farm is fit to drink, then why is the Board of Works pouring it into the bay, Cr. Les Crofts asked yesterday.

He was commenting on a statement by the chairman of the Board of Works, Mr. Croxford, who said on Saturday that the discharges meet, "and often better" the drinking water standards of the World Health Organisation.

Mr. Croxford was revealing findings of a study carried out by the board in conjunction with private consultants.

He said E coli levels, recorded at the farm's outlet into the bay were less than a twentieth of the permitted levels set by the Environment Protection Authority.

Figures recorded at the discharge outlet showed that cadmium, iron and mercury outputs were the same as those recommended by the WHO for drinking water.

Copper, lead and zinc readings were far below the WHO standards, the board findings revealed.

Cr. Crofts, a scientist with the Federal Government, told The Star he had "yet to find someone prepared to drink the effluent discharged from Werribee".

"If this water is as good as the board is making it out to be — and I must accept the board's findings unless they are proved wrong — then why are they wasting it?"

"They are pouring millions of gallons of 'good' water into the ocean from a continent notoriously short of water . . .

"Why don't they sell it for irrigation, for industrial use. It doesn't really make a great deal of sense does it?"

Cr. Crofts said Glenelg in South Australia made good use of recycled water to irrigate city parks and gardens, golf courses, caravan parks

and even the local aerodrome.

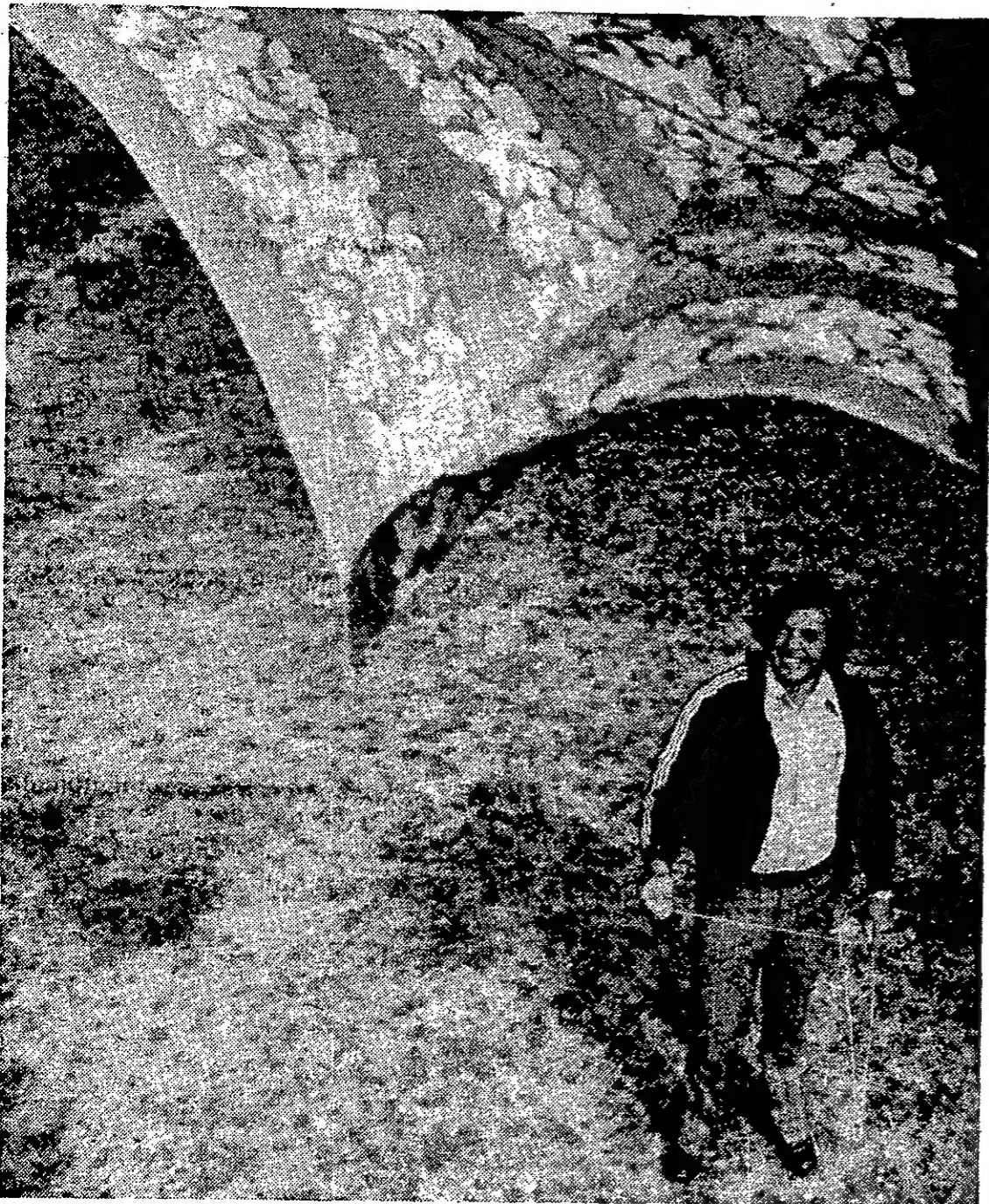
Notices were erected in strategic spots to notify people in the area that the water being used was recycled.

"I believe Alan (Mr. Croxford) has released an excellent report, from the Board of Works, viewpoint . . .

"But I'd like to see a similar study done, or comments on this one, from the State Health Department. They have very, very stringent conditions laid down for water purification.

"If the board has nothing to hide, then I'd like to see an invitation made to the Health Department for its comments on these findings," Cr. Crofts said.

GO FLY A KITE



Kite flyers rally round! After years of neglect you are finally being recognised.

The Altona Apex Club (pictured), said it was because kite flyers had been ignored for so long that the Apex Club had felt prompted to run the competition. Local schools in Altona have been notified and with only 20 cents entry

fee the club expects a big turn up.

There will be prizes in the various age sections (including an open age section for the real enthusiasts) for the most original designs, most attractive designs and competitive flying.

For further information you can ring competition organiser Bruce Rosan on 398 3156 or Jim Donnar on 314 5124.

Judges at the competition will be kite experts Ed Baxter and Tony Johnson.

Handyman help plan for aged

Altona's aged people may get a free home handyman service if moves being investigated by the council succeed.

Altona's service clubs — Lions, Apex, Rotary and Jaycees — will be asked whether they are prepared to help with a handyman scheme.

Letters to the club have been sent by Altona's town clerk, Mr. Syd Fell, this week.

The move follows a proposal put to the council by St. Eanswythe's Young Wives Group.

In a letter to the mayor, Cr. Bill Sommers, and councillors this month, the group said:

"Would you give consideration to establishing a home handyman service that could be run along similar lines to the home help service?"

"It should be noted that a service of this type would prove useful to the people of our city, and in particular, to our senior citizens . . .

"The elderly invariably need someone to do small maintenance jobs, and perhaps to give advice and make recommendations for larger jobs.

"The benefits of such a service can readily be seen. People using it would know that the handyman sent by the council would be trustworthy, and would not take advantage of the person needing repairs done around the home.

COMFORTING

"This would be a comforting thought . . .

"One reads in the daily newspapers from time to time of shady repairmen fleecing unsuspecting people of their life's savings.

"Your thoughts on this suggestion would be very much appreciated," the letter added.

Mr. Fell told the Star yesterday, that the scheme, if it got underway, would be something entirely new in Altona.

"There is no doubt that such a service would be very worthwhile, but I do know that similar schemes, begun in other municipalities have eventually failed," he said.

However, at a meeting of the council's general purposes committee, Cr. Doug Grant, supported by Cr. Alan Shaw, recom-

mended that the young wives' group be informed the request would be investigated.

They added: "That local service clubs be asked what contribution they have made in this regard in the past, and whether they are prepared to help in the future."

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Quarry plan a 'dream' - Dawes

Cr. Ron Dawes, leader of the Labor caucus in the Williamstown Council, believes plans for the development of the Newport quarry are only "a lovely dream".

He says the lack of money in the town hall coffers makes the matter a pipe dream.

"Mr. Peter Tsitas, the architect who drew up the plan, has told me it will cost \$3-4 million to carry out," he said.

"That's enough in itself, but you know these fellows. It would probably run closer to \$5-6 million."

The proposal for the quarry involves the creation of fresh-water lakes (supplied from natural underground sources), a geological museum, rock-

climbing facilities, a riding path and a walking path, sporting and picnicking facilities and an open-air theatre.

Mr. Tsitas was asked to draw up the plan for the council last year.

"Another of the main arguments against this idea, apart from the cost, is the fact that the Whitlam Government gave us \$360,000 to buy part of the quarry to use as a regional tip," Cr. Dawes said.

"It was a condition of the grant that we make the quarry a rubbish dump, for the western region. This area is very short of spots for rubbish."

"Keep word"

"If we don't stand by this condition, it will show that we can't keep our word," he said.

Last week Cr. Adelia Bernard gained the support of the Minister for Local Government, Mr. Hunt, who told her he would back any council submission to the Federal Government for a change to the conditions of the grant.

She and Cr. Jeff Bird are the main supporters of the Tsitas scheme for the quarry.

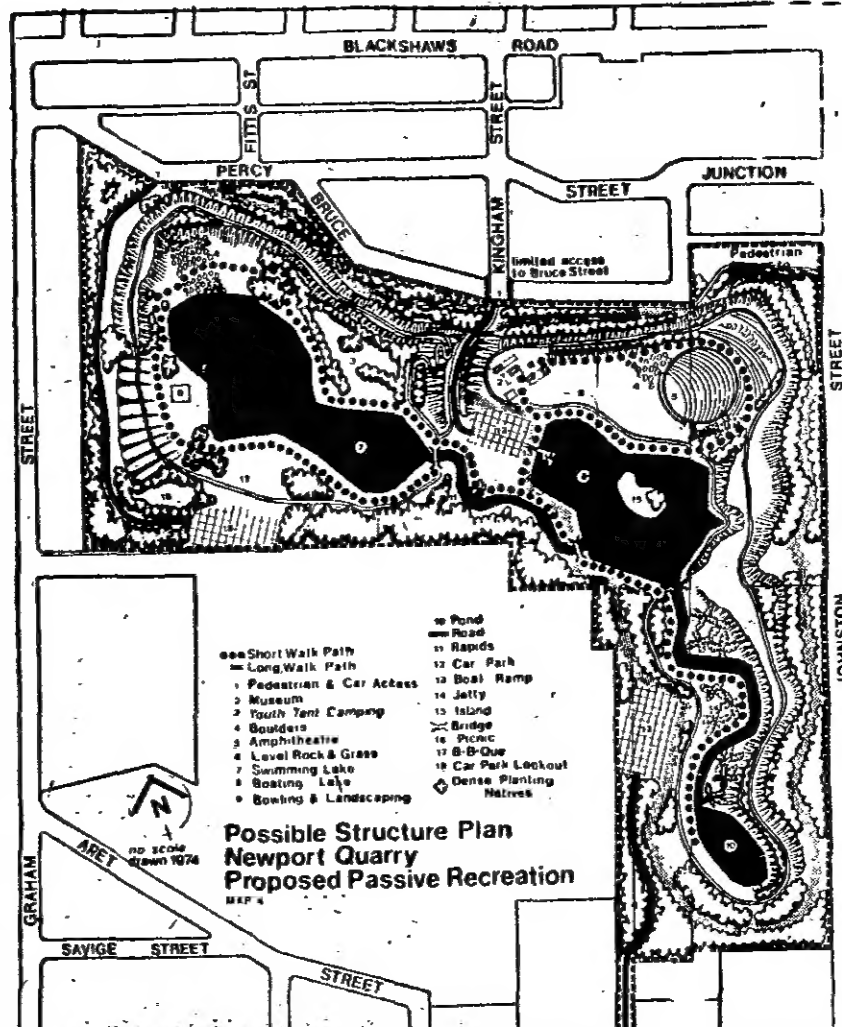
Cr. Dawes said he agreed that the plan "would be a wonderful thing for the west."

"But where would we get that kind of money?"

"The people of Newport living round the quarry are entitled to something better than a tip after their 20 years or so of nearby blasting..."

"I know they've had bricks and rocks through their roofs and so on, but we can't get away from the facts. And the facts are the money, and the grant conditions."

\$5-6 mil. cost estimate



The proposal for a recreation area at Newport quarry carried out by Mr. Peter Tsitas, an architect and town planner.

Police SOS for missing pet

Williamstown's police force has sent out a distress signal: Can anyone help us to find Vag?

Vag is the cherished pet seen a dog like Vag or find her ring the station at dog and mascot of the po-think you know anything 397 6376. A reward is police station in Aitken that might help police to offered.

Haven't you seen her sunning herself out in front?

She had been on strength for nearly two years until she vanished on April 14.

An intensive dog hunt was mounted soon afterwards but failed to yield a clue. A force of small boys has been recruited to help.

Vag is a labrador cross with short, honeycolored hair and a long tail.

She is an attractive, friendly and docile creature.

She was very much attached to her home and never wandered more than a few hundred yards away.

A dog club formed in the mess room gave her the best of everything. So, please, if you've

Newport girl fined \$75

An unemployed Newport woman was fined \$75 Carol Joy Brett, and not in the Melbourne Magistrates' Court after being found guilty to unlawfully assaulting another woman at a North Melbourne hotel.

Before the court was Dianne Ellis, 24, of Elphin Street, She pleaded guilty to the assault.

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Altona calls on EPA

The Environment Protection Authority has been asked by Altona Council to take action to prevent industrial pollution from Petroleum Refineries.

The move follows successive breakdowns at the plant on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 16 and 17.

Mr. J. Clemie, general manager of the company, in an explanation of the breakdowns to the council, said an instrument air failure on March 16 resulted in black smoke being emitted from two boiler stacks and the flaring systems.

"The boilerhouse was back to normal, 5½ hours after the incident," he said.

"On the following morning the refinery was totally shut down after an explosion and power failure in our main sub-station."

The explosion was caused by an intense lightning strike of the SEC feeder, bringing 22,000 volt power to the refinery.

Mr. Clemie said the explosion resulted in all electrical power, steam, cooling water and instrument air being lost.

During initial purging of the process unit, and initial circulation of the alkylation unit, heavy flaring took place from our flare systems," he added.

During the breakdowns the plant received 14 complaints.

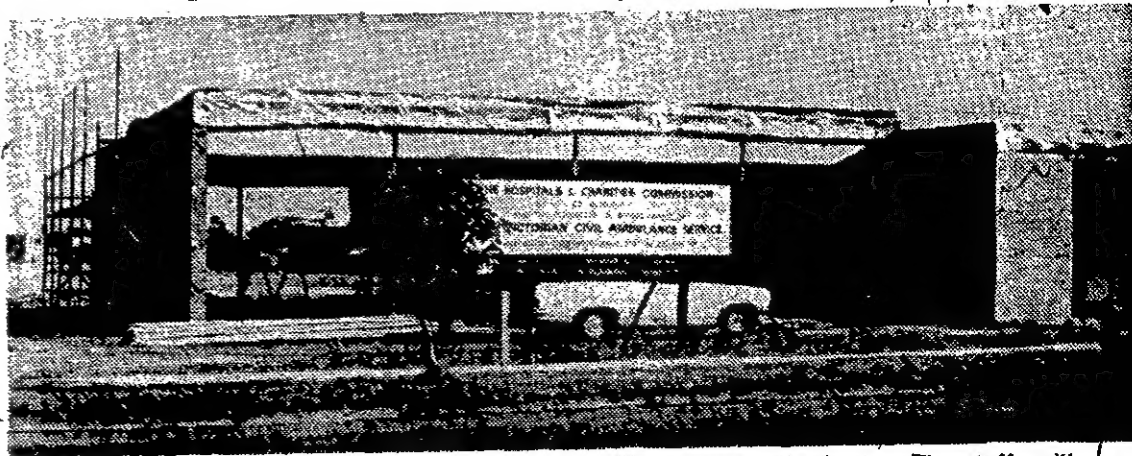
"I can assure you that every effort is being made by the refinery to safely, efficiently and with least nuisance, restart all process units in order to return to our normal operation."

Mr. Clemie has been invited to attend the council's next general-purpose committee to discuss problems concerning the refinery.

On a motion by the Mayor, Cr. Bill Sommers, and Cr. Alan Shaw, the council unanimously agreed to write to the EPA asking for a report.

"on action to be taken to prevent future occurrences of this nature."

Mayor's ball for ambulance



The money raised at this year's Altona mayoral charity ball will again go towards the ambulance station being built in Altona North.

The station, which has already had \$30,000 from the council's funds, is due to open by the end of June.

Tickets for the mayoral ball, to be held at the Fiesta in Barkly Street, Footscray, on June 18 will be \$25 a double.

They are available through Mrs. L. Wilson at the town hall in Civic Parade.

The Victorian Civil Ambulance Service is building the single-storey station (pictured above) at the corner of Blackshaws and Miller Roads.

It will provide a 24-hour service for Altona, Williamstown, Laverton, Newport and West Footscray.

The staff will ensure that medical-aid is available to people during emergencies.

Cr. Bill Sommers, Mayor of Altona, said yesterday the ambulance service and the building contractors were to be congratulated on the progress made.

"It will provide a greatly-needed service to the community," he said.

Proceeds from last year's mayoral ball also went to the station building fund.

At the last meeting of the Altona Council, several councillors criticised the service for failing to credit Altona for its contribution.

They agreed that some contact should be made with ambulance headquarters to discuss the matter.

Grant to help slow readers

Mrs. Judy Gilbert, of the Williamstown Technical School, has been given a special grant of \$3150 by the Federal Government's Schools Commission.

Mrs. Gilbert is in charge of the remedial English section at the school and the money is to be used to buy additional material for those students who need help to improve their reading and writing.

Although Mrs. Gilbert originally requested a grant some six times as large, she says she will be able to use the money received to build her supply of special books and reading schemes.

She also intends to buy combined cassette-film strip equipment which with voice and pictures, encourages slow or reluctant readers to follow the written word.

The school camera club will be supplying large photographs of local interest which will be used to stimulate oral expression, and some of the money will be used for an excursion fund.

This will mean that students whose lives are limited to home and school can have the opportunity of widening their experience.

Mrs. Gilbert said that almost one third of all technical school students in Victoria are below standard in reading ability.

"It is obvious that any money spent on rectifying this situation is money well spent, and can be regarded as an investment in the future of our students," she said.

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Govt to help in sewage problem

A Williamstown Council deputation to the Minister for Water Supply has succeeded in winning his help towards solving the sewerage overflow problem in Newport West.

The problem, in Lloyd Street, arises whenever heavy rainfall enters the main sewer running underneath the road surface.

Mr. Alex Knight, MLC, and Mr. Gordon Stirling, MLA, led Crs. Leo Hoffman, Adelia Bernard, Graham Proctor, Peter Lalor and Ed Smith in the meeting with Mr. Granter.

The Minister agreed to arrange for Board of Works officers to investigate thoroughly the Newport West sewerage system with officers from council's environment department.

He said the search would try to find if some substantial malfunction of the system in Lloyd Street was the major cause of the overflow problem.

'Caves' not real thing

Geologists from the Mines Department have reported that the "caves" at the Newport Quarry are man-made.

The report, Cr. Simon West told Williamstown councillors last week, is a disappointment.

"Geologists from all over the world come to this part of Australia to study its vast basalt plain — if these caves were genuine, it would be of very, very real scientific interest," he said.

"There are only two cave systems in Victoria, and I'm only sorry that the Mines Department study was not really conclusive."

Cr. Adelia Bernard had pointed out that at the end of what the Mines Department had termed a "man-made shaft" was an opening 30 ft long.

"If the department could investigate that maybe they could find an underground waterway."

Dangers seen in 'shaking tins'

Cr. Les Crofts, Altona's deputy mayor, spoke out at the council's meeting last week against street collections for charity.

He was commenting on an application by Channel O for permission to hold a street collection in Altona for the Nerve Deafness Fund on Saturday, May 15.

Cr. Crofts said he believed the term "street collection" meant volunteers taking money from motorists at stop lights.

"I don't know if I appreciate people shaking a tin under my nose at the lights," he said.

"There is also a danger to the volunteers themselves, and I believe the police are not happy with the practice," he said.

But on a motion by Cr. Doug Grant, councillors agreed to give permission for the May 15 collection.

Art to help aged

Victorian artists are being offered the opportunity to have their works sold at an exhibition for a modest commission.

And that commission will go towards a 33-bed hospital for the frail aged in Footscray.

The Westhaven Home for the Aged is arranging the exhibition of paintings at High Point West on June 17, 18 and 19.

Artists from all over Victoria are invited to enter.

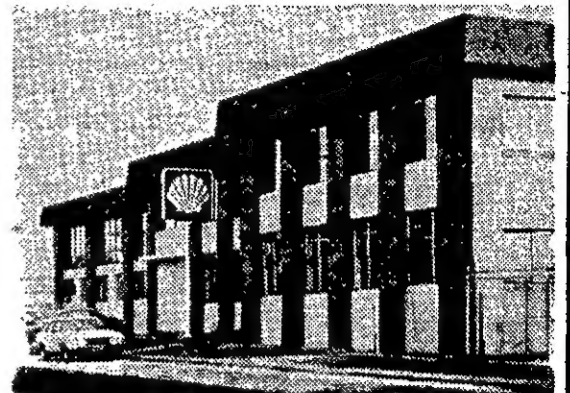
There is an entry fee of \$1, and the home will take a commission of 20 per cent. from paintings sold.

The manager, Mr. Graham Francis, said the home already had a 12-bed hospital which was adequate for 75 residents of the home.



• Mr. Leslie Froggatt, Shell chairman and chief executive, unveils a plaque at the official opening of the new building.

Amenities in Shell's \$750,000 building



A \$750,000 administration and staff amenities building (picture above) was opened recently at the Newport terminal of Shell Australia.

In this carpeted, air-conditioned, two storey brick structure are modern administration offices, an occupational health centre, conference room, library, a 150-seat diningroom that can be used for entertaining and staff amenities areas.

More than 300 people work at the terminal. Mr. Leslie Froggatt, chairman and chief executive of the Shell group of companies in Australia opened the building officially.

Stressing the importance of the terminal in its operations, the company says it receives yearly about 500 million gallons of fuel oils, distillates, motor spirits, solvents and lubricating oils from the Geelong refinery through 70 miles of pipeline.

It has been in operation for six decades. The new staff amenities block was designed by architects John and Phyllis Murphy Pty. Ltd. and built by W. O. Longmuir Pty. Ltd.

Troubled family finds kindness

Mr. John Huntly, in just a week, has changed his point of view on the inherent kindness of his fellow man . . .

On Saturday, April 10, his son, Dennis, 18, was injured playing B-grade lacrosse for Altona — and since then the phone calls to the Huntly home in Robin Street, Altona, "haven't stopped".

"People who don't even know my boy have been calling me, and even the Royal Melbourne Hospital, to say how sorry they are, and ask how he is," Mr. Huntly said yesterday.

"One chap, a friend of mine, called here at 1.30 a.m. to ask if he could help in any way. He had just found out what had happened."

"At first, things looked serious for Dennis, but he is on the mend now, though he'll be in there for about a month."

Dennis was knocked unconscious in the Altona game, and a bone in his neck broken.

He has been playing lacrosse for the past two years, and says he will keep on playing, despite his accident.

"I am just overwhelmed with the kindness people

have shown us," Mr. Huntly said. "It makes me feel, really good about my fellow man. I didn't know this type of thing existed before Saturday."

"I'd say, at a rough guess, that I've had a minimum of 100 phone calls here at the house. And at the hospital you have to virtually queue up to see the boy."

Tech. school takes girls

Mr. D. C. Lindsay, acting principal of Williamstown Technical School, has written to the editor pointing out that girls can attend the school as Form Four and Five students.

He says: I feel compelled to reply to a letter from Ms. Judith Holland which appeared in your paper on March 31 about the desexing of education in technical schools.

First, let me say that I agree entirely with her statement that girls should be given access to the same opportunities for trade experience as boys.

Unfortunately, Ms. Holland has not done her homework properly, or she would have known that this school does provide those opportunities in two ways.

This school does accept girls at year 10 and year 11 level — if their parents particularly want them to have a technical education. Every subject that is available at the school is open to them.

As well as this facility, a secondary resource centre began at this school in July, 1975, to cater for the needs of secondary students in automotive, building, electrical and plumbing practices.

At present, 350 students from Williamstown, Footscray, Pt. Gellibrand and Paisley High Schools, and St. Paul's College attend the centre.

This includes 78 girls, and there are toilet facilities available for them.

This is at present a pilot scheme which may be the forerunner of many similar centres in the metropolitan area.

Val's Column

Hello Girls,

Not all of us are fortunate in being able to pick and choose our makeup from just any range, or just any colour. You may have noticed yourself that some eye shadows for example, irritate around your eyes, or some lipsticks dry your lips, or turn unusual colours.

Be wary if a certain foundation lotion, cleanser or any other cream makes your skin burn, sting or irritates. You probably are allergic to that complete range of products in this case.

Change to another brand after the irritation has gone and start with only a few of the new lotions. Someone, now and again is allergic to all. This mainly is an allergy to the base "perfume" through the range and it is time to change over to an unperfumed (hypo-allergic) makeup.

Max Factor have such a range. Pure Magic is a medium range, yes, you could be using it now without even realising you are using a pure and gentle cosmetic.

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Shimmer finish is soft and interesting for night wear, girls, but remember to have a similar type blush colour as well. There are six great new shines for lips, nails and eyes by Pure Magic just arrived.

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And she had driven three miles just to show me.

The lady called on me to show off, to invite me to share her joy.

I was both touched and pleased. No, she hadn't called for coun-

sel with a problem; neither had she come to do any work for the church, or pay any money. She had come simply to invite me to share her joy.

You must know how I felt... great... warm... excited at such a simple display of good will and friendship. And it wasn't even Christmas or Birthday.

You know how I felt, for it has happened to you too, all of you, many times.

As I drive around our city everyday I see you showing off to one another—a boat, a car, a dress, a flower, a ball. I see you grinning like the proverbial Cheshire cat, so happy are you to be counted a friend.

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I wonder how many residents of Altona know where our fire brigade is...

Close to Harrington Square is a small street — Akuna — and that is where the neat little fire station can be found.

Although only one fire unit is stationed in Altona, two at least attend any fire. One will come through from Newport.

When you see a fire unit coming with siren wailing and the red light revolving, please give way.

There are 16 men on roster at Altona, and they work 10-hour shifts. They are allowed to relax while awaiting calls — but of course sleep is almost impossible for these men with their responsibility.

The man monitoring the phone has only 40 seconds to answer before all lights and bells at the station are set in action.

All the larger factories and buildings in the district are on direct call to the station, and as many as 90 calls a month are answered at Altona during the summer.

Remember our old fire brigade, with its hand cart and reel? It was hitched on to the back of a car if it had to travel any distance.

During the depression, it was manned by local men who received 10/- (\$1 a call...).

Strange how many times the grass and reeds down by the old mine paddock caught fire in those days.

Tanks were the main source of the residents' water supply then, and a dry household tank was often found to be an excellent target for those practice for our boys.

One thing, however is quite important: A direct call to the fire station in Akuna Street could save precious minutes, so remember the number — 398 2497.

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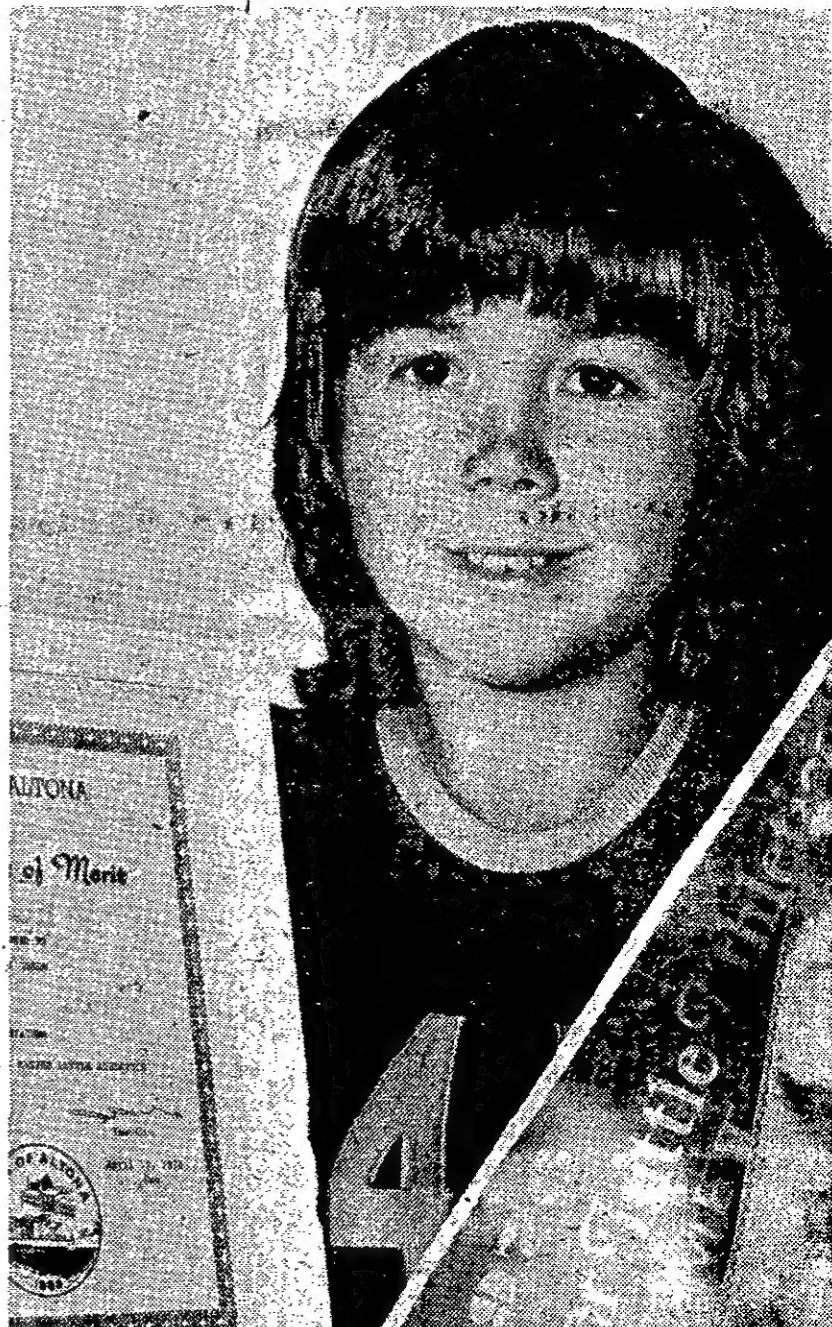
The Lions Club of Footscray is running its Miss Footscray Quest again this year and invites girls to enter.

It will be on the same lines as in previous years. Miss Footscray will be judged on appearance and personality.

The girl who raises most money in the quest will be named Miss Community Service.

And the girl judged on photographs of the entrants will be Miss Photogenic.

Any girls between the ages of 15 and 25 who would like to help the Lions with their community service work by entering the quest can get more information from the quest organiser Mrs. Marilyn Bennet, 7 Graham Street, Kangaroo Flat, 3555, or Mrs. Noel Skurrie (68 3750).

Mark also stars
at raising money

Eleven-year-old Mark Green won a television set as Master Little Athlete of Victoria this month. Mark, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Green, of Finley Road, Altona, raised \$735 for Little

Athletics during the quest fundraising campaign. He is pictured with his pennants and a certificate of merit awarded by Altona Council.

Senility's not
always answer

Psychiatric disturbances in old people were often dismissed as "old age" or "senility" without a thorough investigation a western region seminar was told last week.

The seminar was organised by the region's committee on the ageing.

There are about 7000 mentally-disturbed elderly in the west.

Dr. Cees van Tiggelen, a psychogeriatrician at Willemore Hospital, addressed more than 40 regional health and welfare people on the assessment and treatment of confused and mentally disturbed aged.

Dr. van Tiggelen has been appointed by the Mental Health Authority to develop community-based services for mentally-ill elderly in Victoria.

He was told that in the western region expert assessment for mentally disturbed aged was impossible to get.

The only assessment facility was at Willemore Hospital in Kew, and as assessment was often needed in a crisis, it was difficult to send patients cross-city.

Many elderly were admitted to nursing homes and hospitals when this

could have been avoided with proper advice and treatment.

Psychiatric disturbances in elderly people often occur for physical reasons, which can be treated. However, symptoms are often dismissed as old age or senility without a thorough investigation.

The following recommendations were made at the seminar:

- There is an urgent need in the region for services for the mentally-disturbed aged. These services could be developed through local day hospitals and community health centres, and should include an assessment team.

- That the community needs education to recognise the early signs of mental disturbance in the elderly, so deterioration can be prevented.

- That the committee on the ageing should take up the question of the need of assessment facilities for the psychogeriatric patient in the region with the Mental Health Authority as a matter of urgent priority.

Local politicians should also be requested to help in this matter.

For further information contact the committee on 68 2587.

Sunshine
liquid
tip cut

The Environment Protection Authority has amended Sunshine Council's permit to dispose of liquid waste at the Sunshine tip.

After an appeal by Williamstown council, the EPA amended the licence to reduce the allowable tipping of this waste from nine million gallons annually to five million gallons.

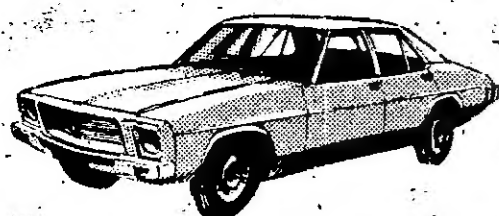
The Williamstown council believes the liquid waste enters the underground water courses running beneath the western region and could thus affect Williamstown.

The EPA also ruled that oil-water emulsions and chlorinated hydrocarbon residues be removed from the tipping schedule.

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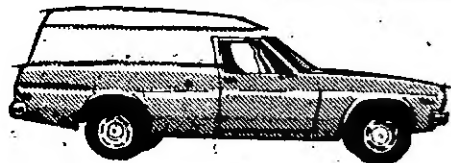
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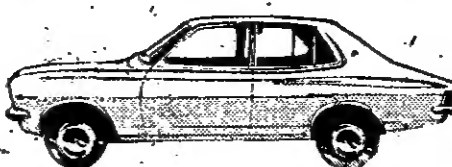
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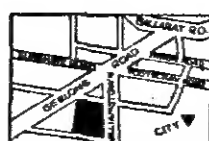
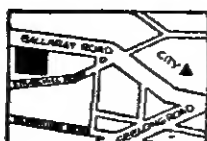


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Memories, gaiety for Anzac

By John Dixon

A host of memories, a few tears and a lot of fun... that was the recipe for Williamstown RSL Sub-branch's observance of Anzac Day at the weekend.

Almost 150 returned servicemen attended a dawn service at the cenotaph, in Nelson Place on Sunday morning and about 130 went from there to the clubrooms for a barbecue breakfast...

Plus the traditional coffee royals and... in many cases... a few beers.

Wreaths were placed at the foot of the cenotaph by civic and RSL leaders during the dawn service; adding to several private wreaths placed there.

The Anzac Day ceremony came after the annual old diggers day at the RSL clubrooms. On this day each year, World War I men are hosted and entertained by their younger counterparts.

And it was refreshing to see this year a good smattering of Vietnam veterans among the hosts and at the dawn service and Anzac Day breakfast.

On Saturday afternoon, about 50 World War I veterans — including several Anzacs — were entertained by about 70 returned servicemen from World War II, Korea, Malaya and Vietnam.

They sat down to a banquet-type meal and were entertained by a group of musicians, with Gordon Stewart as compere.

Among the guests were Mr. Gordon Stirling, MLA for Williamstown and Mr. Alex Knight, MLC, Melbourne West.

New eisteddfod for western suburbs

Footscray and District Eisteddfod, stopped in 1966, will be restarted in June.

A new committee has been formed and has just finalised the programme for this year.

The eisteddfod will include sections for vocal, including the Footscray Aria, piano, instrumental including piano accordion and classical organ, speech and drama and schools.

Entry forms for the eisteddfod can be obtained from Otto's music centre in Barkly Street. President, Mr. Ian Haskell, told the Star-Advertiser entries would close on May 3.

Forms have been circulated to various parts of Melbourne.

This will be the only eisteddfod held on the west side of Melbourne. There are about half a dozen eisteddfods held in other parts of Melbourne.

Sections of the eisteddfod will be held at the Footscray town hall, Hyde Street Methodist hall and Maribyrnong High School hall.

'Mandate' for secret union polls

The Liberal-NCP Government had a clear mandate to make laws compelling unions to have secret ballots controlled by the Commonwealth Electoral Office, Mr. Frank Purcell said this week.

Mr. Purcell, Liberal Party spokesman for the electorate of Lalor, added that the Government would not act "Unilaterally" but would first discuss the issue with the ACTU and the national employers' policy committee.

He said the Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations, Mr. Street, hoped to arrange these talks within a few weeks.

Mr. Street had said there was "overwhelming support" from the community and among unionists for controlled secret ballots.

Only a small percentage of union leaders themselves, mainly the more identifiable communist leaders, opposed the move.

This was because their positions and dominations of unions would almost certainly end when properly-controlled elections were held for union elections.

Mr. Purcell said Mr. Street had pointed out that the major office-bearers of Australia's biggest union, the Amalgamated Metal Workers' Union, were elected on a vote of less than two per cent.

Under the proposed con-

trolled ballots every union member would receive his ballot paper and a stamped return envelope through the mail.

Sport clubs may have to pay

Sporting clubs throughout Williamstown may have to pay in future for any improvements to their home grounds.

A motion being considered by members of the council's recreation committee is for sporting groups to pay 25 to 35 per cent of any ground work done by council workers.

At the last meeting of the committee members agreed to defer the discussion.

They intend discussing the proposal with the State Department of Recreation, and asking what grants will be available for the Greenwich, the White Reserve and Fearon Reserve pavilions and for work on the Williamstown Football Ground.

Discussion will also be held with the various sporting clubs intending to use the Greenwich, the Commonwealth Reserve and the Dennis Reserve pavilions "regarding a time schedule for and amount of contribution to council for the pavilion construction."

Labor hits at State's land policy

There was usually something for the land developer in State Government moves on land, Mr. T. Edmunds, MLA, Labor spokesman on housing said yesterday.

The policy announced at the opening of Parliament was no exception, he said.

He criticised Mr. Dickie, former Minister for Housing, whom he called a "Liberal shockingly liberal with public money".

He said young couples were to be offered long-term finance on easy terms for their first block.

"That's to chuck a bit of kerosene on the fire," he said. "Prices are constantly rising and that fire won't be dampened by any means."

"The dealer commanding a skyrocketing price will know the struggling couple will have more hope of paying his price."

"Despite sales talk as 'special financial assistance', the Hamer Government refuses to tackle the remedy for high prices — by the Urban Land Council competing directly on the land market."

Mr. Edmunds said the War Service Homes Commission had long demonstrated how buying up broad acres and selling serviced blocks kept prices down.

The Whitlam Government's Urban Affairs Minister, Mr. Uren, had been frustrated by Victorian Government land schemes.

The State had kept that cat well hidden in the bag while it got publicity for its pretences of providing cheap land.

Mr. Edmunds said Liberal disinclination to compete was strongly evidenced at Altona.

Some time ago, Mr. Hamer announced that the big State-owned Truganina

estate would be developed as a "preferred-development area" along with the adjoining Notla estate.

Now the owners of the Notla estate were pushing on space. But the Government, in the face of constant proddings by the Altona Council, continued to let the State section lie idle despite its earlier announcement.

He said that during Mr. Dickie's ministerial term Labor attempts to provide low-cost housing land were sabotaged.

"Millions went down the drain in buying flood-prone land at Pakenham in a costly buy at Berwick and others at Melton and Sunbury," Mr. Edmunds said.

Barbecues, no... tornado, yes

Altona Lions will not be able to instal barbecue and picnic facilities at Cherry Lake for another two years.

The group had intended "booking" an area of the lake reserve near Millers Road for the project, but Board of Works plans have quashed the idea for the present.

Altona Council has told the club that toilet facilities would be needed for picnickers at the lake, and the board won't have sewerage connected in the area until 1978.

Councillors have said they would be pleased to

have the lions take part in the lake area development, but "barbecues are not considered advisable at this stage."

They have suggested, as an alternative community scheme, that the club instal a "tornado" slide for children using Den Dulk Reserve, in Blyth Street.

The tornado or circular slide recently installed by the council at Langshaw Reserve has proved extremely popular with children.

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'Softie' caught with kittens

Mrs. Joy Demme, of Myrtle Grove, Altona, is a self-confessed "softie" when it comes to animals.

Already the owner of a collie dog, a rabbit, goldfish, racing pigeons and a budgie, it came as no surprise when Mrs. Demme

and her husband, Bernard, noticed two kittens poke their heads out of a drain on the side of the road. At first she thought they were just playing but when the kittens were still there on the way back they stopped the car and rescued them.

"It looked as though they were just dumped in the drain so we decided to take them home," said Mrs. Demme.

Mind you, getting the kittens out of the drain wasn't easy, as Mr. Demme would testify. He suffered a bite on the hand and a torn shirt for his troubles.

"They were very frightened and hungry," said Joy.

The problem now is that because Joy already has so many animals and also six children (including eight month old twins) she isn't able to give the kittens a home.

• Anyone wanting a house-trained, healthy young kitten should ring Mrs. Demme on 398 1084.

Pictured is Kellie Demme nursing the rescued kittens, who have been nicknamed Drip and Drop.

WILLIAMSTOWN ORATORIO AND ORGAN RECITAL

An oratorio and organ recital will be given by St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church on Sunday.

POSTER CONTEST GETS SUPPORT

Williamstown councillors have voted to donate \$25 towards the Trade Union Clinic (Western Region Health Centre) industrial safety poster competition this year.

Altona councillors at their last meeting decided against aiding the competition.

The organiser of the competition had written to both councils asking for donations to finance prize money, publicity and printing costs.

The competition will begin in August.

Moving for the \$25 donation, Cr. Graham Proctor of Williamstown said the money would be well used to promote more safety-consciousness among industrial workers.

He was supported in his move by Cr. Ron Dawes, who remarked that the posters, when in use could bring hazards to the notice of people working among heavy machinery.

"If we can help save a life, I think our support is well worthwhile," he added.

Cr. Peter Lalor, the deputy mayor, said he believed the donation was "a sop to the unions."

"I think our money would be better spent on redesigning machinery at our plants to reduce the risk of accidents," he said.

The Trade Union Clinic, in Paisley St., Footscray, runs a safety poster competition each year. It is open to professionals and amateurs and is judged in several sections, including one for children.

Altona councillors merely noted the contents of the clinic's letter asking for financial backing.

Outreach classes again

Williamstown's Community Outreach, providing creative, educational and recreational opportunities, is now accepting enrolments for a variety of classes in term two.

These include courses in drama, music and clowning (six weeks), mushroom growing (four weeks), writers' workshop (10 weeks) and modern jazz ballet (10 weeks).

Other classes are also being organised.

You can inquire at the North Williamstown Primary School or phone 397 5722.

Enrolment forms will be available at the Williamstown, Newport and Altona libraries, the Willy Coffee Shop and the school in Melbourne Road.

The annual general meeting of Community Outreach will be held in the school library on Tuesday, May 7, beginning at 7.45 p.m.

All interested people who wish to be pupils or teachers are invited.

AA centre for west

An Alcoholics Anonymous group has been formed at the Western General Hospital.

The first meeting of the new group will be tomorrow (Thursday) night at 8 in the amenities block diningroom.

Thereafter the group will meet weekly at the same day, time and place.

AA is operating world wide on a simple, daily programme and has more than one million members.

The organisation recognises that many a sick alcoholic would never have reached it without the assistance of relatives or friends.

It therefore invites observers to its meetings.

It says AA is of necessity based on attraction and not promotion.

The recital will start at 3 p.m. at the Church in Cecil Street, Williamstown.

Guest artists are one of Melbourne's leading recitalists, the renowned St. John's Choir, from Essendon, directed by Peter Nicholls.

Afternoon tea will be served at the end of the recital, and all are welcome.

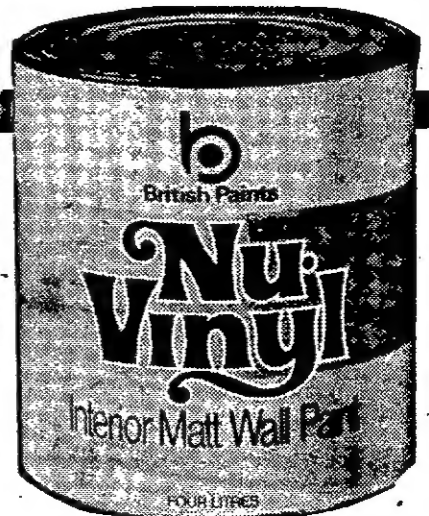
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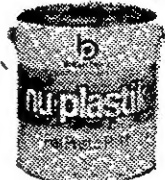
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MELBOURNE
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THE century of the present Methodist Church in Electra Street, Williamstown, has far greater significance than just a beautiful building being 100 years old. It marks at least 136 years of Methodism in Williamstown.

The church's present circuit minister, the Rev. Laurie Slee has begun compiling a history of Methodism in Williamstown and has made this available to John Dixon, who in this issue writes the third of a series of articles as extracted from the history.

Methodist church's 136 years

The first moves towards erection of the present, gracious bluestone church, in Electra Street, Williamstown — which celebrates its centenary next month — really began 102 years ago.

It was in the year 1874 a membership of 352, the site of the church, at the corner of Pascoe and Electra streets, was bought. The price was £700 (\$1400).

Within two years, under the ministry of the Rev. J. Harcourt, the present church, two-storey parsonage and hall were built.

A steeple or tower had been planned for the church. But this was abandoned for economic reasons.

The Rev. Laurie Slee comments in his history of the church that the present congregation should be thankful for this.

"A spire is a nightmare to maintain," he writes. The choir loft and organ were added in 1891, apparently as finance became available.

When the church opened, in May, 1876, the Sunday school had

a membership of 352, with a staff of 36 teachers. And there was a choice of morning or afternoon schools.

The sale of the original Ann Street complex returned £2800 (\$5600).

The church appeared on the plan of preachers in 1890 as "Sailors' Host."

An attempt was made to establish a congregation at North Williamstown but had little success.

A small building erected for the purpose was later bought by the Primitive Methodists — another branch of the church — to begin their ministry in the district.

Methodist Union came about early after the turn of the century, with the marriage of four branches of the church.

Mr. Slee's records of this will be outlined next week.

The greeting — as the sun rose over a big crowd on Gem Pier, Williamstown on Sunday morning, Easter Day — was one common almost 2000 years ago.

"Christ is risen!" said Pastor Charles Jamieson, of the Gospel Mission, Williamstown. And the congregation replied: "He is, indeed!"

Pastor Jamieson explained this was the everyday street greeting after the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ, to about 150 people who attended the service, organised by Williamstown and District Council of Churches.

Before his brief address, Pastor Jamieson read from the Bible the story of the finding of the empty tomb and the seeing of Jesus again.

The service was conducted by the Rev. Chester Hodge of St. Andrew's Church, North Williamstown, and the prayer was given by Pastor Philip Jamieson, of North Williamstown Church of Christ.

The congregation included a Salvation Army officer, an Anglican clergyman and people from many Williamstown and Newport churches.

Trumpeter Gordon Collins provided music.

The recently-erected fences, narrowing the pier, made it difficult.

The congregation had to spread in a thin line back along the pier. Those at the back had to strain their ears to hear the service.

The next function being arranged by the Williamstown and District Council of Churches is a week of prayer, beginning on May 27.

'Christ is risen!' they cried



★ The Easter Day service on Gem Pier was well attended but the congregation had to string out because of the newly-built securing fences.

Rod, 12, to play 'Oliver'

Rod Lojak, a 12-year-old student from Altona North High School, has the title role in the Altona City Theatre's production of "Oliver".

The musical drama starts a two-week season at the Altona North High memorial hall on Thursday, April 29.

The play will also be seen on April 30 and May 1, 6, 7 and 8.

Other main roles in the production are Les Terrell as Fagin and Anne Pulham as Nancy.

Tickets for the Thursday shows are \$1.60 for adults and 80 cents for students. Friday and Saturday shows tickets are \$2 and \$1.

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Altona Scouts win awards

The first Altona scout troop did well in the Stradbroke Cup.

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The Scouts in "Bugs Bunny and his Carrots" patrol were leader M. Scott, assistant C. Murray, S. Smith, S. D'Andrea and B. Turner.

Vikings patrol was represented by leader D. Schmidt, assistant A. Caruthers, T. Lynch, D. Robertson, P. Weaver and G. Dayley.

They are to be congratulated for a fine effort at their first attempt.

The group swim night is on again at Newport pool on Thursday, April 29. Parents and Scouts are to meet at the hall at 7.15 to be taken to the pool by bus.

It is a night for passing tests and having a little fun. A fee of 60c will cover the bus and entry to the pool.

Scout week will be here again May 1 to 8, and a rope bridge will be built near the hall on Saturday, May 1, to mark the event.

Scouts will serve billy at 7.30 p.m. The Scouts will be accepting gifts at the door to go towards the jamboree fund-raising effort. The next group committee meeting will be held on Thursday, May 13, at the hall at 7.30 pm and all parents are urged to attend.

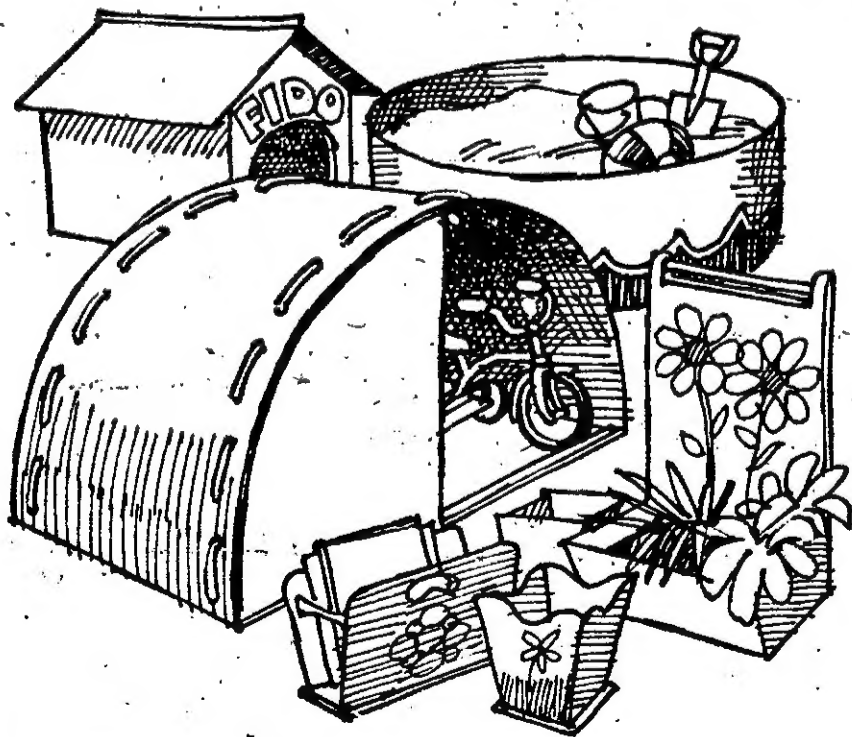
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Former Williamstown man dies suddenly

A former Williamstown resident, Mr. William Alfred 'Bill' Fletcher, died suddenly, from a heart attack, while holidaying in Sale during Easter.

Mr. Fletcher was the second son of the late Mr. Edward and Mrs. Katherine Fletcher, of Dover Road. He was in his 48th year.

He was born in Echuca and moved with his family to Williamstown in 1937. In August, 1949, he married the former Mavis 'Cis' Robinson, at Northcote Presbyterian Church. They made their first home in a flat with the late Mr. and Mrs. Fred Harden, in

Stevedore Street, Williamstown.

From there, they moved to Hamilton (Victoria) and about 18 years ago moved to Mooropna, where they rented a house until buying their own home at 93 Carr Crescent, Mooropna, about 10 years ago.

An interstate truck driver, Mr. Fletcher suffered a series of heart attacks in December, 1974, and was in hospital for about two months. After a rest period, he returned to good health and resumed interstate driving, with Knights, of Kilmore, late last year.

In his younger days, he and his brother, George, were active members of Williamstown Cycling Club.

After spending Easter with his wife, at her aunt's home in Sale, he loaded

the family car, joked with his wife, then collapsed.

The funeral was at The Necropolis, Springvale, last Wednesday morning.

In addition to relatives, the chapel was crowded with transport drivers from many parts of Victoria and interstate.

He is survived by his wife, daughters Suzanne (Mrs. Bill Tjouw, of Perth, WA); Lesley (Mrs. Max Ludgrove, of Mooropna), a brother, George, of Thomastown and his wife, Joyce, and family and a sister, Elaine (Mrs. Mathews) and family, of Broadford.

Mr. Fletcher was a brother-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. John Dixon, of Newport.

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A copy of the planning scheme as approved may be inspected, free of charge, during office hours at the office of the Town and Country Planning Board, 235 Queen Street, Melbourne, at the office of the Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works at 625 Little Collins Street, Melbourne, and when available, at the Office of Titles, Melbourne; at the Central Plan Office of the Department of Crown Lands and Survey, Melbourne, and at the office of the Council of the City of Altona.

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Footy star at 10



Young footballer, Brett Gabriel, could be forgiven if his head has swelled a couple of inches in the past month.

Since the beginning of April Brett has been made captain of the Williamstown under 11 side and played his 50th game while still only 10, but that's not all.

He also received a lengthy letter from former schoolmates at Glenferrie Primary School saying how much they miss him.

Which must be some measure of his popularity considering he was only at the school for two months while his father was curator at Glenferrie Oval.

Brett left such an impression on the other students in Grade 5A at the school that they sent him a letter with every student adding their own personal remark.

One class member named Lisa Bourke wrote, "Footy's disgusting without you."

Meanwhile Brett has settled down to the serious business of

building up his tally of games with Williamstown.

If he keeps up his present rate he should have well over 200 games before he is 20!

CYMS seniors win at last

Williamstown CYMS seniors won their first game for the season by beating Newport at the Fearon Reserve.

CYMS led for most of the game but allowed Newport to get within three goals of their total in the last quarter.

If CYMS can keep up the form displayed in the first three quarters of the game, the team will be a final four proposition.

New captain/coach Dennis Wilkie led the side magnificently from the centre and was one of the best players on the ground. He was well supported by Peter Zamykal.

Final score: CYMS 16-13-109 to Newport 12-19-91.

Best: P. Zamykal, D. Wilkie, M. Crump, J. Donald, R. Featherston, D. Henry.

SECONDS

The smaller CYMS side lacking in ruck height, were generally first to the ball and had a three point lead at the first change.

Newport attacked more consistently in the second term but did not capitalise on their efforts and were trailing CYMS by 10 points at half time.

Newport played more constructive football in the third quarter and the CYMS back line was ragged. At the final change four points separated the sides.

CYMS appeared the fitter team in the last quarter and went on to win 13-9-87 to Newport's 10-9-69.

Best for CYMS: P. Walsh, V. Nicoli, A. Lee, D. Wilson, J. McVeigh, M. O'Brien.

Goals: J. McVeigh 3, I. McGowan, T. Henry 2, G. Brown, J. Miller, V. Nicoli, J. Rollason, R. Banner, J. Considine.

Vera wins again

Vera Sevier has set an Altona Bowling Club women's record by winning the club singles championship for the fourth time.

Vera won the championship, the two bowl competition and the consistency.

Runners-up were: Championship, J. Douglas; consistency, R. Fisher; two-bowl, M. Molloy.

In the pairs competition the winners were: E. Beyer and L. Blokkeerus, with runners-up J. Douglas and B. Davis.

Pennant teams finished

the season with D1 winning their section. It was the first time most of the team members had competed in pennant.

A1 and B2 also finished the season well up the ladder.

Night triples winners were: B. Charlton, E. Melville and L. Blokkeerus.

Runners-up: V. Sevier, G. Vickers and M. Molloy.

Altona success at Albury carnival

Altona joined one thousand hockey players in 80 teams from three States for the Albury Easter Hockey carnival.

The team played in A division and did extremely well to finish second on goal average.

They beat Camberwell 2-1 and Frankston 1-0 and drew with Kew and St. Patricks.

They then played in the Johns Consolation Cup and were beaten 1-0 by a composite Adelaide side which boasted five South Australian State players.

Best: B. Forrester, B. Smith, G. Studley, G. Rich-

ardson, R. Purser, M. Krol.

Goals: R. Purser (4), B. Smith (3), B. Forrester (3).

Altona A grade hockey team continued its good early season form with a 4-1 win over the fast Melbourne University team, at the weekend.

Jock Smith was first to score for Altona, but this was quickly equalised by Uni after a series of defensive mistakes.

A. Challis added the next goal to give Altona a 2-1 lead at half time.

Midway through the second half a piece of great team play between Smith and Rick Purser saw the third goal netted, and later Purser wrapped up the game with an easy goal.

Goals: S. Smith (2), A. Challis, R. Purser.

Best: J. Forrester, B. Smith, R. Purser.

In B grade, University beat Altona 2-1.

In this game inexperience again cost Altona valuable points. Players to impress were Ian Daley, who played a great game at half back, Steve Ranger, Peter

Symons and Cec Martin.

The goal was scored by P. Symons.

In C grade Altona lost to Waverley 1-3. Best: D. Whiffin, C. Bruce, L. Annic. Goal: B. Cronin.

In D grade Altona d. Latrobe 2-1. Best: A. Relf, J. Bartlett, B. Neyland.

Under 16: Altona d. Footscray 10-0. Best: R. Bohm, W. Moffatt, P. Buzzo, G. Smith. Goals: B. Moffatt (4), P. Fry (3), R. Bohm (2), S. Bazga.

Under 14: Altona lost to Waverley 1-7. Best: P. Burns.

Under 12s, Altona d. Waverley 5-0. Best: P. Burns, R. Harper, I. Longton. Goals: P. Burns (3), R. Harper, P. Yomelos.

Women's matches: A. Grade: Altona lost to University High School 2-3. Best: G. Studley. Goals: S. Pride, C. Garlick.

C Grade: Altona d. University High School 1-0. Best: W. Evans, J. Norris, K. Stirling. Goal: J. McNamara.

D Grade: Altona d. Latrobe University 1-0. Best: J. Swift, S. Ranger, S. Smith. Goal: J. Swift.

VIKINGS TROUNCE MAIDSTONE

By Alan Burkitt

Altona City fielded eight teams at the weekend, and won five games. Sunday's strong winds made conditions unfavorable, and confined play to one end of the ground in most matches.

The senior team travelled to Maidstone and teamed well to easily defeat the home side.

Ian Roberts gave his rovers an armchair ride, and was well supported by ruck-rover Danny Brennan and an in-form Glen Morgan.

Geoff Behend, at centre half-forward and Andrew Donnelly in front of goals combined well and kicked 10 goals between them.

Alan (Pixie) Walgers has decided to stay with the Vikings, and was a reserve in Sunday's team. Coming on as a replacement for the injured Andrew Wilson, Walgers moved well and will improve with fitness.

Scores: Altona City 17.21 (123) Maidstone 8.4 (52).

Goals: Donnelly 6, Behend 4, G. Morgan 2, I. Hardham, Roberts, Brennan, Walgers and M. Howard.

Best: Roberts, G. Morgan, Brennan, Behend, P. Mildenhall, Donnelly and G. Nolan.

RESERVES

The reserves were badly beaten by Hoppers Crossing, who are fielding their first open age side. The new side have picked up some good players, and should be a definite force in the competition.

Apart from the sensational first quarter high mark of full-back Eddy Pubar, and the four goals from young rover Steven Shiels, there is very little to say of the Vikings' game.

They showed no fighting spirit and failed to chase. They were perhaps expecting an easy game against a new team and never recovered from the seven goal lead they gave away in the first quarter.

Gordon Wilson tried hard all day and will be pressing for senior selection.

Scores: Altona City 8.12 (60) Hoppers Crossing 12.26 (98).

Goals: S. Shiels 4, T. Leeden, D. Hyett, J. Davey, E. Puhar. Best: Puhar, Wilson, Shiels, R. Scarff, D. Hyett, W. Jones.

UNDER 17

The under 17s were at home to Laverton and held last year's runners-up for half the game. The visitors' big man strength was too much, and they ran out easy winners. It is evident that the Altona boys lack training and must make every effort to attend Tuesday and Thursday sessions.

Scores: Altona City 5.3 (33) Laverton 10.7 (67).

Goals: E. Sorrell 3, J. Burkitt, J. Rafferty.

Best: K. Vogan, E. Sorrell, P. Heyen, S. Maginnes, Phil Stephens.

UNDER 15

This year's under 15 team could be the Vikings best ever if they continue their present form. On Saturday they easily beat Hoppers Crossing, and will worry most other sides.

Scores: Altona City 10.11 (71) Hoppers Crossing 6.3 (39).

Best: N. Condon, G. Scholes, P. Johns, D. Wise, W. Muschelli, S. Diggins. Goals: P. Richards 4, S. Kimpton 2, C. Maginnes, W. Muschelli, S. Diggins, P. Johns.

UNDER 13

Having their first game under new coach, Harry Brown, the small but talented Altona boys impressed with a good win over Maidstone.

Scores: Altona City 11.16 (82) Maidstone 4.1 (25).

Best: A. Owen, M. Cooper, B. Schmidt, C. Brown, C. Money. Goals: Cooper 4, Brown 3, Schmidt 3, Money.

UNDER 12

The Vikings were roasted by coach Glen Morgan after a poor effort at three-quarter time, when they were three goals behind Central Altona.

Sefton McGraw into the ruck was a winning move as they kicked four goals in the final term.

Scores: Altona City 5.6 (36) Central Altona 3.9 (27).

Best: S. McGraw, S. Browne-Kerr, Carrington,

Seagulls meet a stranger

Next Sunday will see the first VFA game between Williamstown and Camberwell for many years.

Many will remember the clashes between the Seagulls and the "wells" in the late 30s when the great Laurie Nash was a star Camberwell player.

Women's lacrosse

Williamstown Women's Lacrosse Club is hosting women's lacrosse matches at Fearon Reserve, Williamstown on Sunday, May 2.

This will be the first time for some years that matches have been played locally — they are usually held at Royal Park.

At 12.30 p.m. Newport 2 play Newport 3; at 1.45 p.m. Williamstown 2 play Montmorency 2; at 3 p.m. Williamstown 1 play Montmorency 1.

Last week Williamstown 1 beat Castlemaine and Williamstown 2 were beaten by Newport 2.

Anyone interested in playing women's lacrosse should ring Mrs. J. Parker 397 5454.

West loses close tussle

West Newport seniors featured in a close tussle with Werribee but after leading by eight points at half time they slipped back and lost by 13 points.

Final scores were Werribee 21.9 (135) to West Newport's 18.14 (122).

Best for West were:

Durham, Johnston, Leighton and Xuereb. Goals: Brown-Kerr, Durham, Leighton 4, Carrington, Cavanagh, L. Garlick, Orr, Pitt, Truman.

The seconds were not so stylish and lost to Werribee 20.7 (127), West 10.17 (77).

Through inaccurate kicking, West passed up the chance to hold a commanding lead at half time and trailed Werribee by 13 points at that stage.

Werribee widened the margin at the final change, and left West way behind at the final siren.

An encouraging sign for West is the good form shown by younger players, many of whom will be pressing for senior selection in the next few weeks.

Best: Bob Broughton, Davey, Dorrington, Hatfield, Luttick, Karakozakis, Goals: Dorrington, G. Jones, Webster 2, Civiterale, Ismaili, Luttick, Ridge.

The Under 17s saved the day for West, beating Sunshine Heights by 31 points.

West started slowly against the taller home side and faced a deficit of 12 points at quarter time. They fought back strongly and held a four point advantage at the final change.

In the last quarter, West attacked strongly and showed superior fitness.

Best: Cutajar, Durkin, Gerring, Hall, Hyland, O'Donnell. Goals: Busbridge, Kennis 2, Hyland, Kassai, Livingston, C. Mounas, Quarrier.

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Altona soccer team too good

Altona soccer team had far too much experience for Croydon when they met at Kim Reserve on Saturday.

Bobby Pocock, in his first League game for Altona, opened the scoring after 20 minutes with a cracking drive that left Croydon's keeper flat-footed.

Ten minutes later Tony Hamill gave Alby Seenan a chance to increase the lead, but his shot struck the crossbar.

A crossfield pass from John Hunt, who was having a tremendous game, sent Hamill away on a solo run. Hamill "ghosted" around two defenders and cracked home Altona's second goal.

The second half opened disastrously for Altona when both Hunt and Jim Ackers were sent off — Hunt for a deliberate handball and Ackers for retaliating after being brought down.

Both dismissals were a bad reflection on the game which had been hard-fought but clean.

Reduced to nine men Altona showed their determination and continued to carry the attack against Croydon.

Several times Blackie Stepanek over-lapped on the right wing, one run taking him almost the length of the field with his final cross flashing through an open goalmouth and just wide of the post.

The chance came as David Cooper breaking from defence saw Hamill free on the right and his 40-yard pass gave Hamill the opening he wanted to score number three.

Team: Van Der Poel, Stepanek, Lord, Gramsbergen, Murray (captain), Ackers, Pocock (sub, Demetriou), Hamill, Seenan, Cooper, Hunt.

Altona has won all of its first three matches in Division One of the Metropolitan League, with an aggregate score of 8-0.

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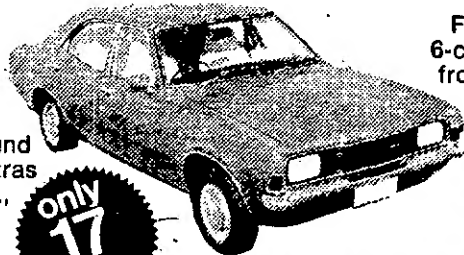
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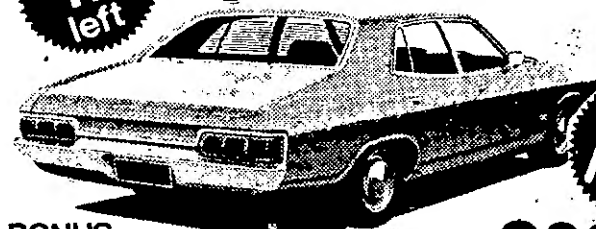
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